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To Members of the Finance Committee:

We are a manufacturer of industrial machinery trying to survive in what looks as if it will be the worst economic climate in the past 60 years. We have been in business for 20 years selling our machinery primarily to companies here in Connecticut and to a lesser extent, surrounding states.

We have never had any assistance from the state and I do not believe that there will ever be any program that will benefit a company like ours. However, the tax bills HB6350 and HB6349 would have a tremendously negative impact on our business and encourage our customers to not invest in our products or even to leave the state.

We do not need any more actions to discourage manufacturing in this state or this country.

Please do not pursue passage of these bills. This is the only thing you could ever do that would help us and the many other companies in this state like us.

Sincerely,

Benjamin M. Thomas President